

The Deputy Secretary's Call Sheet for
Canadian Ambassador Michael Wilson
Monday, July 27, 2009

Purpose of Call: Ambassador Wilson will likely raise concerns that the autumn construction window for the Alberta Pipeline will be missed if a decision is not made soon on the Presidential permit application by Enbridge Energy for the proposed Alberta Clipper pipeline linking petroleum from Alberta to refineries in the Midwest United States.

- **Permit Application:** We are weighing energy security, environmental concerns, and our excellent bilateral energy relationship as part of the National Interest Determination for the Presidential permit. We will be making a decision on the permit application soon.
- **Clean Energy Dialogue:** The joint work we are doing in the Clean Energy Dialogue is important, and both countries need to make improvements in the production and use of energy. I urge continued progress in reducing the oil sands carbon footprint.
- **Energy Relationship:** Our foreign ministries lead our respective interagency colleagues in an annual "Energy Consultative Mechanism" bilateral. When the U.S. energy team is confirmed, we look forward to traveling to Canada for this year's meetings. It is important that we sustain diplomatic exchanges on energy, not just through the Clean Energy Dialogue process.

Background: Coordinator for International Energy Affairs David Goldwyn is scheduled to come on board July 27. State leads the annual interagency "Energy Consultative Mechanism" with Canada. It is Canada's turn to host, but some in their energy ministry (and ours) believe that the Clean Energy Dialogue, which is more research based, makes this less urgent. The Ambassador's call underscores State's lead role on foreign policy, including bilateral energy policy.

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